AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Title: FLASH MEMORY BLANK CHECK

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the abstract with the following:

A FLASH memory device performs a blank check and sets a busy bit to indicate the memory device is busy, and sets a status bit to indicate blank or not blank. A device external to the FLASH memory device may send a blank check command to a command interface within the FLASH memory device, and may also check a status register for the busy bit and the status bit.